

655—3.5 (17A,147,152,272C) Licensure by endorsement.

3.5(1) *Qualifications for licensure by endorsement.* The endorsee shall meet the qualifications for licensure defined in subrule 3.3(1).

3.5(2) *Applicants currently licensed in another state.* Application for licensure to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse by endorsement shall be made according to the following process:

a. The board shall:

(1) Provide application forms and instructions to applicants upon request.

(2) Determine eligibility of each applicant upon receipt of an application, fees, official nursing transcript, and verification of license submitted by state of original license or the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

b. The applicant shall:

(1) Submit a completed application form for license by endorsement.

(2) Submit two sets of the fingerprint packet to facilitate a national criminal history background check. The fee for the evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the DCI and FBI criminal history background checks will be assessed to the applicant.

(3) Submit the fee for license by endorsement plus the fee for evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the criminal history background checks as identified in the definition of “fees” in rule 655—3.1(17A,147,152,272C). All fees are nonrefundable.

(4) Direct the nursing program to submit to the board an official nursing transcript denoting the date of entry, date of graduation and diploma or degree conferred.

(5) Submit the application form for verification of original licensure. If the original state of licensure participates in the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. Electronic Nurse Licensure System (NURSUS), send form and application fee directly to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

(6) Submit evidence attesting that Iowa is the primary state of residence if the applicant is changing primary state of residence from another party state as outlined in rule 655—16.2(152) or that the primary state of residence is a noncompact state.

(7) Complete the application process within 12 months from the date of receipt of the application. The board reserves the right to destroy the documents after 12 months.

c. An endorsement applicant who has been disciplined by a licensing authority in another state must indicate the jurisdiction of the action(s) when submitting application materials. A copy of all relevant disciplinary documents will be obtained for board review prior to a determination regarding licensure. The board may impose conditions for licensure.

d. An endorsement applicant who has a criminal conviction history must submit a copy of the sentencing order when submitting application materials. The board may impose conditions for licensure.

e. A license shall not be issued to an applicant who fails to complete the licensure process within 12 months from the date of receipt of the application.

3.5(3) *Application—individuals educated and licensed in another country.*

a. The board shall:

(1) Provide application forms and instructions to applicants upon request.

(2) Determine eligibility of each applicant upon receipt of an application, fingerprint packet, fees, official nursing transcript denoting date of entry and date of graduation validated by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS), validation of licensure/registration in the original country by CGFNS, full education course-by-course report from CGFNS, and verification of license submitted by state of original license or the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

b. The applicant shall:

(1) Submit completed application for licensure by endorsement, including two sets of the completed fingerprint packet.

(2) Submit fee for application for licensure by endorsement plus the fee for evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the criminal history background checks as identified in the definition of “fees” in rule 655—3.1(17A,147,152,272C). All fees are nonrefundable.

(3) Direct CGFNS to validate the official nursing transcript.

(4) Direct CGFNS to validate licensure/registration in the original country.

(5) Apply for the full education course-by-course report application of the CGFNS Credentials Evaluation Service (CES) for licensed practical nurse and registered nurse applicants, or direct CGFNS to verify that a certificate letter was issued, or send the completed CES report to the board.

(6) Inform the board of primary state of residence and current mailing address.

(7) Submit a copy of a sentencing order(s) with the license application if an applicant has a criminal conviction history.

3.5(4) *Temporary license.* A temporary license shall be issued to an applicant who is licensed in another state if the applicant meets the qualifications for a license as outlined in subrule 3.3(1). The application form and endorsement fee plus the fee for evaluation of the fingerprint packet and the criminal history background checks as identified in the definition of “fees” in rule 655—3.1(17A,147,152,272C), verification of license form and two sets of the fingerprint packet to facilitate a national criminal history background check shall be on file in the office of the board prior to the issuance of the temporary license.

a. A temporary licensee may use the appropriate title of registered nurse or licensed practical nurse and the appropriate abbreviation R.N. or L.P.N.

b. The temporary wallet card must be signed by the licensee to be valid. The temporary license shall be issued for a period of 30 days. A second temporary license may be issued for a period not to exceed 30 days or at the discretion of the executive director.

c. A temporary license shall be issued to an applicant who has incurred disciplinary action in another state when the license is not currently encumbered.

d. A temporary license shall not be issued to an applicant with a criminal conviction history.

e. A temporary license shall not be issued to an applicant educated and licensed in another country until the full education course-by-course report application of the CGFNS Credentials Evaluation Service (CES) has been received by the board, CGFNS has verified that a certificate letter was issued, or a completed CES report has been sent to the board.

3.5(5) *Certificate of license by endorsement.* Upon completion of the endorsement procedures defined in these rules, the board shall issue a certificate of license by endorsement and a current license to practice as a registered nurse/licensed practical nurse. The board staff may issue a certificate of license pending receipt of a report on the applicant from the DCI/FBI.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.2 and 152.9.